TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.

Yesterday's bank clearings were \$11,652,571, balances \$1,806,208. Local discount rates were firm between 5 and 6 per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 50c premium bid, 60c premium asked; Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans, par bid, 10c premium asked. leans, par bid, 10c premium asked.

Wheat closed lower, 75½c b. May, 74½6 75c No. 2 red. Corn closed lower at 25½c May, 39½64ic No. 2 mixed. Outs closed at 33½c a. May, 34c No. 2 mixed. The local market for spot cotton was 140

WASHINGTON.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon has nipped an in-cipient boom for him as Senator, and ad-dised his friends to wait till some other

The Cabinet has permanently closed the Post Office at Indianola, Miss., on the ground that the negro woman in charge was forced to resign. The attitude of the administration is that the white citizens must accept the negress or they will have

The Bolivian Government will arbitrate

It is asserted that Consul General John L. Bittinger is not in favor with the State Department because of an alleged interview criticising the administration.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN. Photographers bought the Cramer Dry Plate Company for the purpose of fighting

New officials assume duties at Courthouse. The police arrest an Italian boy tramp, who says that he slept three nights in the railway tunnel.

Charles Nagel is having easy sailing in his race for senatorial nomination. Thomas Dunn was executed at the Four Courts for the murder of Peter Jackson on October 29, 1900.

Wagoner will finish his side of the elec-tion contest to-night and Butler will present evidence Monday. Mrs. Louise Hellwig, who went to Kan-

ready has a wife, falls to return to her Mrs. Elizabeth Gleich drowned herself

through grief for her husband, who was killed accidentally a week ago. Tea consumers will not get the full bene-fit of the removal of 10 cents a pound duty.

Chauncey I. Filley has accepted the invitation of the Democratic Committee to as-sist in amending the election law. German Singing Societies held annual commers at Liederkranz Hall.

The St. Louis Academy of Arts and Sciences is organized to give aid to young women students.

Mayor Wells will entertain Oklahoma city officials to-day and explain workings of St. Louis's municipal machinery. France makes more extended plans for its exhibit at the World's Fair.

GENERAL DOMESTIC. Dun's and Bradstreet's agree that even the holidays did not make business entirely

dull, and that the outlook for a prosperou year in 1966 is exceedingly bright. The Pressed Steel Car Company inaugurates a plan to share profits with its em-

The Sugar Trust abandons the old meth-

The Sugar Trust abandons the old meth-od of protecting grocers and hereafter all sales will be made on a strictly cash basis. The Chicago Open Board of Trade, through an arrangement with the Western Union, may become a formidable rival of the regular board. William H. Wallace has addressed a letter

to every member of the Missouri Legisla ture urging that there be no haste in hold ing a senatorial caucus and asking for "full time and a fair show."

Kansas City, Kas., has a sleeping negro in jail. He has been oblivious to all his woes since Monday night, and the doctors have little hope of ever being able to arouse

A daughter and son, aged 14 and 8 years, wrested a razor from their father at Kansas City in time to prevent him from committing suicide. Chancellor Snow of Kansas University has

issued a statement to the effect that the annual rainfall over Kansas is increasing, while the velocity of the wind across the plains is constantly decreasing.

Three masked robbers shoot a woman in an unsuccessful endeavor to hold up a country Post Office near Perryville, Mo. Mrs. A. M. Dockery, wife of Governor Dockery, was laid to rest beside her seven children in the family plat at Chillicothe, Mo. All the State officers attended the fu-

Clara Ware, a deaf-mute, 19 years old Clara ware, a deal-mute, 19 years old, who had never spoken a word from her birth, was suddenly gifted with the power of speech before she died at her home in Madison County, Mississippi, and called to the members of her family to come

Thomas MacPherson, one of the oldest shipbuilders in the United States, died of a broken heart at his home in New York. He grieved over the death of his wife, which occurred a few days ago, and no power

The Police Commissioner of New York orders 262 plain clothes men to duty as patrolmen, in an effort to break up the al-Edward Atkins, 5 years old, is burned to

death during the absence of his mother from their house at Sycamore, Ill. Speaker Sherman's publication of the Miller letter, showing how the Republican organization candidate for Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives carried water on both shoulders, has stirred up ; hornet's nest in the organization. Miller is busy preparing a letter in answer.

FOREIGN.

An English knight procures a summons for his wife, whom he accuses of being a habitual drunkard The International Mercantile Marine Company cancels insurance on three of its lines

The Sultan of Morocco, if the situation becomes more grave, will desert Fez, it is stated, and try to rally the Southern tribes to a "holy war" for Mohammedanisi The American ship St. David is adrift in the North Pacific, dismasted and short of provisions.

SPORTING.

Prize ring champions have often been un-lucky in four-round bouts. Final awards are made at the poultry

Marine Intelligence Gibraltar, Jan. 2.—The American steam yacht Niagara, from New York, with How-ard Gould and party on board, passed Gib-

Antwerp, Jan. 2.—Arrived: Nederland, Philadelphia. Queenstown, Jan. 2.—Arrived: Cymric, New York, for Liverpool (and proceeded). Southampton, Jan. 2.—Arrived: St. Louis,

New York. Liverpool, Jan. 2-Sailed: Bovic, New Moville, Jan. 2.—Sailed: Corinthian (from Liverpool), Halifax and St. John. Queenstown, Jan. 2.—Sailed: Merion (from

Butt of Lewis, Dec. 31.—Passed: Mohlcan. Philadelphia, for Leith.

Browhead, Dec. 31.—Passed: Nomadic,
New York, for Liverpool.

Missourians in New York. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

New York, Jan. 2-The following Missou rians were among to-day's arrivals at the

hotels here:

St. Louis-H. G. Faithorn, W. H. Wylie and
Mrs. Wylie, E. K. Snowdon, Imperial; C. H.
Forest and Mrs. Forest, F. A. Altman, B. H.
Bennett, Park Avenue; H. T. Kent, P. L. Marquis, Waldorf; J. J. Seavry, J. A. Cambell,
Ashland; Mrs. M. E. Riley, A. V. Henkel, St.
Denis; J. A. Prescott, Manhattan; A. S. Davis,
Holland; H. Leschen, Hoffman; J. E. Thornson,
Earlington; J. Jacobs, Raleigh,
Kannss City-C. F. Jackels, H. C. Wickes, Jr.,
Criterion; I. A. Priestly, Imperial; S. P. Hoffman; R. S. Allen and Mrs. Allen, Fifth Avenue; F. W. Ellis, Grand Union.

License Collector's Appointments.

License Collector Clifford yesterday announced the list of appointments, as approved by the Mayor. Exclusive of those already published the appointees are: William T. Maginnis, Deputy License Collector; L. H. Jones, Louis I. Finn and James J. Moore, first class clerks; James G. Signalgo, second class clerk; A. Bohlinger, Thomas J. Dunn, Cornelius Houlihan, P. J. Kavannaugh and William O'Connor, inspectors, and Joseph H. Kraemer, vehicle inspector.

UNION PLUMBERS **DECLARE A STRIKE**

Masters Refuse to Grant Demands and Four Hundred Men Quit Work.

CONFERENCES OF NO AVAIL.

Journeymen Decide Not to Accept Compromise Made by Bosses, Which Fixed Wages at Five Dollars Per Day.

More than 400 union journaymen plamber. went on a strike yesterday morning as result of the refusal of the master plumb ers to accede to their demand for 85 a day. The strike affects 200 shops, members of the Master Plumbers' Association. The association had several conferences with committees from the Plumbers' Union during the menth of December, and at a meeting last Sunday morning agreed to compromiswith the union by offering them \$4.70 a day ommencing January 2 and \$5 a day after April L

The men employed by the seventy-nine master plumbers, who, is was stated Thursday, had agreed to pay the scale, are among the strikers. These masters, it is said, refused to grant the increase yester-

said, refused to grant the increase, day morning.

The strike will not last long is the opinion of members of both sides. The journeymen believe that the musters will agree to pay the \$5 a day scale before the 15th of the month. The masters think that the conceptative elements in the union will event-Servative elements in the union will event-ually prevail, and induce the men to accept the master plumbers' compromise proposi

Both sides will hold meetings to-morrow Both sides will hold meetings to-merrow to consider the strike situation, and a con-ference may be held between committees from the masters' association and the plumbers union. The master piumbers will meet at Bowman's Hall, Eleventh and Locust streets at 2:30 o'clock. The journey-men will meet Sunday morning at Druid's Hall, Ninth and Market streets, at 10

o'clock.

It was stated by a member of the Master Plumbers' Association that unless the men accepted the compromise proposition Sunday it would proughly be withdrawn. H. W. McChesney, general secretary of the Master Plumbers' Association, stated that if the union was successful in gaining their point the public would have to pay the difference.

DEMANDS OF UNION.

He said the union demands that no employer can do new work, thus rendering the hosses practically helposs. According to Mr. McChesney a joint agreement was reached by the Master Plumbers' Association and the plumbers' union, whereby all apprentices then at work were discharged. This, according to Mr. McChesney, mas caused a scarcity of good plumbers.

At this time the bosses also granted the plumbers a raise in wages from \$1.60 a day to \$1.00 a day DEMANDS OF UNION.

Association, but was broken two years ago by the union.

He also states that since the agreement the boss plumbers have not been allowed to put any apprentices to work, and that an employer is not allowed to teach his own son the trade. This restriction on the apprenticeship system, McChesney claims, has caused a great scarcity of plumbers.

Members of the Masters' Association state that they will oppose the proposed increase, claiming its acceptance would result in large losses by the bosses on contracts already taken and figured on a four-dollars-aday basis.

The demand for \$5 a day was made by the plumbers last September, the employers being given until January 1 to consider the matter.

Weather conferences were held between

Weekly conferences were held between committees from the masters and union, in order to settle the wage question, but they were unable to come to terms.

Otto Morse, business agent for the union, stated yesterday that the masters were given notice six months ago that they intended making a demand for \$5 a day, to take effect January 2. He claims that if the bosses lose money on contracts they figured at \$4 a day it is their own fault, as they had ample notice of the demands.

He stated that plumbers in Dallas, Fort Worth and El Paso get \$5 a day, while in Butte and Helena, Mont., they get \$6. In Boise City, Idaho, according to his statement, plumbers get \$5.50 a day, in Boston plumbers earn \$5.50 a day, while in New York and Chicago they are paid \$4 a day. Weekly conferences were held between

BIG MUNICIPAL CONVENTION. Public Ownership Discussion Will Be Held in New York.

A national convention on municipal own ership and public franchises will be held in New York next month under the auspices of the New York Reform Club. The call is issued by the Advisory Board, among whom are Mayor Rolia Wells and John De-

whom are Mayor Rolla Wells and John De-Witt Warner, president of the Art Com-mission of New York.

The object of the convention is to afford a full and impartial hearing to all interests and to every factor of importance. The discussion will be led by the ablest busi-ness men of the country, by engineers who have actually operated city plants, and by experts who have studied the matter in its social and political as well as in its finan-cial aspects.

NIGHT SCHOOLS TO RESUME. New Classes Will Be Formed for Benefit of Beginners.

Superintendent F. Louis Soldan announced yesterday that the evening schools will reopen on next Monday night. These schools closed several weeks before Christmas to allow the students to work at night at their respective places of employment during the hollday senson.

At the reopening of the night schools new classes will be formed for the benefit of students entering for the first time. Young men and women who were prevented from attending last fall will thus have the opportunity of joining new classes to begin the work.

OLD MANSION IS BURNED.

House Formerly Occupied by Windsor Club Is Damaged. The Colonial residence, No. 4522 Duncan avenue, owned by William Boeck and occupied by John Oakley, a caretaker, was almost totally destroyed by fire last night.

The house had not been in use for some time.

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The cause of the fire was not known, but probably was a defective flue. Oakley discovered the fire after it had gutted the upper story. The first alarm was turned in by Patroiman Edward Dwyer. The second and third alarms were turned in and the engines that responded turned on several streams, soon controlling the flame and saving the lower part of the house from total destruction.

On account, of the mud the engines had great difficulty in getting near the residence, which is situhted at some distance from paved streets.

FOUGHT DEPUTY MARSHALS. Prisoner Killed One and Wounded

Two in Indian Territory. McCurtain, I. T., Jan. 2.—Three United States Deputy Marshals, Sam Sorrels of Kintait, Raiph Scargail of McCurtain, and another whose name has not been learned, were shot by an unidentified man who rested arrest to-day at Coal Creek, a small towa on the Kansas City Southern road. Deputy Sorrels was killed instantly, the other two deputies being seriously wounded. While the deputies were attempting to arrest the man he suddenly drew two revolvers and opened fire. Freeing himself from arrest with the weapons, he disappeared across the country and has not been apprehended.

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FAVERSHAM AND BRIDE IN NEW YORK.



MRS. FAFERSHAM, WHO WAS JULIE OPP.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL New York, Dec. 31.-Mr. and Mrs. Faversham, the latter of whom was Miss Julie Opp. until a few days ago, are spending their honeymoon in this city, where they came im mediately after the wedding ceremony was performed.

Mr. Faversham is playing the leading part in "Imprudence" at the Empire Theater, and it was on account of this engagement that the couple could not enjoy a wedding tour. The company will go on the road January 12, however, and it is said that Miss Opp will succeed one of the leading woman members of the cast.

MINORITY MEMBERS JUMP IN BAND WAGON

Charles Nagel Is Having Easy Sailing in His Race for the Senatorial Nomination.

REPUBLICANS AGAINST FARRIS.

Said That Enough of State Senators Will Refuse an Alliance to Spoil Lobby Combination-New Deal Goes.

nong Republican m the General Assembly point to the defeat of National Committeeman R. C. Kerens for the minority nomination for United States enator and the nomination of Charles Nagel, his original and implacable opponent ince the elimination of Chauncey I. Filley. Old supporters of Kerens who have been in St. Louis during the last week have confessed privately that they are against him and think that he should step out. Said one

"He has had the nomination twice and used it simply to capture Federal offices-For one, I am tired of this thing of peddling indorsements for patronage all of the time. His fight is against Roosevelt, and we all know it. He has never been a friend of the

desert Rooseveit. He is popular with the people, and though I have been a friend of Kerens I am for the President rather than the National Committeeman. Roosevelt has shown with which faction he is aligned, and that is enough for me."

The Rev. C. S. Brooks Makes a Canvas for the Position of Chaplain.

The lobby of the Laclede Hotel last night was the scene of a caucus of candidates for positions in the State House of Representa-

All of which is cordially adopted by some of the stanchest of the National Committee-man's friends. The above reference to Roosevelt's favoritism of the Akins faction is proved by the appointments which have been made in this State. The dominant are asking support for Nagel on this score, the further fact being shown that Nagel is personally agreeable to Roosevelt, some-thing which the wildest flights of the Re-mublican imagination has not said of the Reimagination has not said of Kerens. In a recent issue of the Missouri State Re-publican, E. C. Brokmeyer shows the rea-son for the faith which is in the Akins-branch of the party. The recent appoint-ment of A. P. Murphy of Pulaski County as attorney for the Creek National at a salary of \$5,000 a year and added expense account is cited as an instance.

PLUMS CAPTURED BY KERENS. Then follows a list of the places which have been captured from Kerens during the past year or more. They include the Postmasters at Kansas City, Springfield, Mober-ly, Chillicothe, Poplar Bluff, Clinton and smaller towns; surveyors of the ports of St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph; Collectors of Internal Revenue at St. Louis and Kaneas City; United States District At-terneys at St. Louis and Kansas City; Reg-listrars of the United States Land Offices at Boonville and Springfield; Receivers of the Land Offices at Boonville and Springfield; Superintendent of Agreulture under Secre-tary Wilson; four special surveyors of In-dian lands in the Indian Territory; inspectors of rural-free delivery routes; Conoul to a port in Germany; Registrar of the Land

Office at El Reno, Ok., etc.

And patronage talks to the Missouri politician. The faction which can land the goods is the stuff. When added to this convincing argument is the further fact that the late Republican platform contained a plank which the Nagelites are using with telling effect against Kerens, the battery of reasons why Kerens should not be indorsed

is made stronger.

The plank was as follows: 'We hereby solemnly declare our fixed and determined purpose to oppose the election of any Republican who may be a candidate for State

publican who may be a candidate for State or Federal office who is in anywise under control or influence of the lobby."

As further showing to what heights of perfection the party has risen, the claim is made that Frank Farris will not be able to take the eight Republican Senators and combine with ten Democrats in order to secure his election as President pro tem of the Senate. Republican politicians familiar with the situation assert that overtures with the situation assert that overtures have been made by interested parties to se-cure the co-operation of minority members with Farris Democrats, but that a new orer has come in.
"All of which will come out in the wash," remarked a native-born Missourian

DEMOCRATIC PRESS BUREAU PLANS. Irwin L. Page Goes to Jefferson City to Open Hendquarters for Papers. Irwin L. Page of Bonne Terre, Mo., corresponding secretary of the Democratic State Press Acsociation, was at the Laciede Hotel yesterday mingling with editors and

politicians.

He departed last night for Jefferson City, where he will open headquarters for a Democratic Country Press News Bureau. In regard to the bureau, Mr. Page said: "Tae movement was inaugurated after



the repeated suggestions of many of the editors of newspapers in the association, and has the good will of many prominent Democrats of the State.

"The purpose of the bureau will be to furnish a news letter from the capital at stated intervals to the members and furnish editors with information touching legislation affecting their interests, and the interests of the party in the State."

Mr. Page is editor of the Bonne Terre Star and is well known among the editors of Missouri. He was elected to the post of corresponding secretary of the Democratic State Press Association last fall. His friends predict that the bureau will be effectively and ably managed under his guidance.

positions in the State House of Representa tives, in which the most conspicuous participant was the Reverend Clayton S. Brooks of Jefferson City, who expects to be Chaplain. The place pays to a day.

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Mr. Brooks was formerly a newspaper writer in Mexico, Mo., and claims to have twenty-six of the forty-three necessary votes pleaged to his support. He is relying upon the St. Louis contingent to pull him through.

Among the other candidates present last night were L. H. Musgrave of Greene County, who wasts to be Engrossment Clerk, John T. Hyrre of Jefferson County, candidate for clerkship, Joseph Tall of Clark County, another candidate for clerkship, and W. D. Johnson of Waynesville, who is after the position of doorkeeper.

The only Representatives present were W. H. Locker, Democratic, of Pullaski County, and Hubert S. Cronk, Republican, of St. Louis.

BARTHOLDT IS FOR JOY. Says He Is a Candidate for Postmas-ter and Will Support Him.

"Congressman Joy is a candidate for the postmastership," seld Congressman Bar-tholdt yesterday afternoon, "and he will receive my indorsement unless something unforeseen occurs. Perhaps the charges tained? I do not know as to that. Postmaster assures me that he will clear himself absolutely. That will be determined

In the near future.
"Mr. Joy has not declared himself openly and it is possible that he will change his mind. But I should prove untrue to every consideration if I falled to indorse him. My colleagues in Congress would think me un-worthy if I did not."

Congressman Joy will arrive from Washington this morning. He will spend only a couple of days in the city. Incidentally, he will be served with the reply of Congress-man-elect John T. Hunt in the contest pro-ceedings which Mr. Joy has brought in the Eleventh District. Congressman Bartholdt sald yesterday

DEMOCRATS IN THE CITY. Joe S. Tall Thinks That He Will Win

Joe S. Tall of Kahoka, candidate for Chief Clerk of the House, came in from Kansas City yesterday, where he conferred with Jackson County members of the House.

Jackson County members of the House.

"Things are looking very bright to me," he said. "I think that I shall leave the St. Louis delegation after all. Even if I do not get them, I have nearly sixty votes outside of the city. I am satisfied, but at that I want every vote that I can get."

There will be a large number of Democratic Representatives and Senators in the city to-day and to-morrow on their way to Jefferson City. St. Louis is the half-way station to the capital before the vonvening of the General Assembly. Numerous conferences will be held to-day and it is possible that some of the candidates for various positions may withdraw from the race.

FILLEY WILL HELP AMEND ELECTION LAW

Leader of Republican Good Government League Accepts Democratic Committee's Invitation.

SOME OF HIS SUGGESTIONS.

Declares That the Exposure and Frustration of Fraud Should Be Paramount Feature of the New Measure.

The Jefferson Club committee appointed to revise or amend the present election law extended an invitation to Chauncey I. Filley several days ago to co-operate with the ommittee in the way of suggesting amendments. Mr. Filley's response to the invita-tion, in which he acknowledges the courtesy and declares he will cheerfully comply with the request, was read by him at a meeting of the Good Government Club at No. 2300 Eugenia street last night.

Eugenia street last mant.

Mr. Filley prefaced his remarks by declaring that this was the first occasion he had taken to reply to the outcry of the "ealamity howlers" in the Republican party that the Neshit law was responsible for the corrupt practices obtaining in the registra-tion and elections under it. Referring to his elimination by the pary and its less of power and prestige since that event he said:

ASK THE OFFICE HOLDERS. "You remember that little story, the point of which is "The dog it was that died? Well, the boodle Republicans said four years ago that Filley had bitten the party and they were afraid it would get hydrophobia unless he was killed. Who's dead now? The man or the dog? Ask the army of office holders that marched out of the City Hall a few days ago."

"There is a law in the statutes of every State against murder," said Mr. Filley, "but murders are committed despite thereof. There are laws also upon the statutes of every state against election crimes, but they have been committed by both parties in the city, and the parent repeaters and ballot-box stuffing crimes were initiated by the Election Commissioner appointed by Mayor Walbridge under the law of 1896, within six months after it went into effect. "The worst primary frauds that the city ever experienced originated with and have been executed by boodle Republicans.

MURDER OF THE BALLOT. "You remember that little story, the point

MURDER OF THE BALLOT. "As hitherto stated, there are sufficient aws upon the statute books against murder, but the murderer of the ballot commits a higher crime, with sufficient laws against

laws upon the statute books against murder, but the murderer of the ballot commits a higher crime, with sufficient laws against it, because his crime affects the body politic, the whole city and State, and therefore is of wider and higher degree and injury and deserving greater punishment. "There's no penaity too great, and disqualification to vote or hold office not enough. It should be made a felony, with no immunity from the statute of limitation, or if limited, to be from the time of discovery and for not less than five years thereafter.

"The Democrats have a great opportunity. Are they equal to it, or will they acknowledge fear of defeat through honest elections by yielding in a single instance?"

"The committee appointed by the Jefferson Club is notably competent, of character, and so much the greater expectation and responsibility. Much is expected from it and you, and a little will not be acceptable nor accepted. It is felt that you will all rise to the condition and expectation and fearless success demanded.

"For myself I do not hesitate to say that I do not desire the Republicans, as an organization, to seek or inject any interference with the Democratic majority, and responsibility in the matter. They would not demand it in defeat.

"The secrecy of the ballot to cover fraudulent ballots should not be the paramount feature of the statutes. The expose and frustration of fraud and the protection of the honest voter and vote should be the primary and final feature of the law. The municipal elections should not be of, by and for the Indian. No undermining the will of the people through their expressed right and voice in the Government by fraudulent ballots should be tolerated. It is the highest privilege and greatest duty of the American citizen to vote. There's no expense too great to accomplish this end. Specific suggestions of amendments will be submitted."

RESOLUTION ADOPTED. At the conclusion of Mr. Filley's remarks the following resolution was adopted: the following resolution was adopted:
Whereas, The secretary of the committee appointed by the Jefferson Club, for the purpose of 'revising, amending or repealing the present election law,' has officially addressed the Honorable Chauncey I, Filley for his views thereon, he it.

Resolved, by the Good Government Republican Roosevelt Club, That Mr. Filley he authorized to represent this club in the matter as he may deem proper and wise, to secure the re-enactment of the previous law, which is conceded to have been the best law the city ever had, and, which he originated the day after the November election of 1854, and which eventuated in the law of 1856, which such additional features and restrictions and penalties as he may suggest, and will meet the exigencies of to-day.

TEA IMPORTERS SAVE \$100,000 Collector Gallenkamp Releases

Nearly a Million Pounds. Judge Gallenkamp, Collector of the Port at St. Louis, vesterday released from bond nearly 1,000,000 pounds of tea consigned to local importers, on which the special tax of 10 cents per pound, imposed to create revenue in the Spanish-American War, was ordered removed by special act of Congress. This action of Congress means a saving of nearly \$100,000 to the tea importers at this nort alone.

port alone.

In anticipation of the demand by im-In anticipation of the demand by importers for the release of tea in bond in compliance with the provisions of the special act of Congress, which became effective January 1. Collector Gallenkamp's office force, under the direction of Chief Deputy Churchill, spent New Year's day preparing permits for issuance. There were 23 of these permits drawn up, entailing an extraordinary amount of clerical work, but Colletcor Gallenkamp was determined that his office would be prepared to the minute to meet the demands made upon it.

There were 16,599 packages of tea held in bond in the various storehouses, averaging sixty pounds each, or a total of 95,409 pounds. While most of the tea imported within the last few months was allowed to remain in bond in anticipation of the repeal of the tax, there has been quite a movement of the commodity to meet the demands of the trade within the last six months.

The war tax was placed on tea on June

demands of the trade within the last six months.

The war tax was placed on ten on June 13, 1898, and was repealed April 12, 1892, to take effect January 1, 1993. Some months ago, in a test case in New York, the United States District Court held that the law as promulgated by Congress was invalid. This was a great shock to the tea importers. Congress was importuned to take proper action, and the special measure which went into effect New Year's day was the result.

WOMAN SICK IN A BOX CAR. Jane Bryan, Who Came From Texas, Is Found by Police.

Jane Bryan, who came to St. Louis three weeks ago on a freight train from Fort Worth, Tex., and was sent to the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium, where she remained until able to be returned to Fort Worth, was found in a Frisco box car near Knox avenue about 6:30 o'clock last night by Patrolmen Gleason and Hell of the Seventh District. District.

She says she is 30 years old, and that she has a 12-year-old daughter in Young County, Texas. She says her husband deserted her several months ago, and that she came to St. Louis because she was unable to make a living for herself and child at Fort Worth. She claimed to be suffering from rheumatism, and was sent to the Female Hospital.

CHILD WAS BURNED TO DEATH. Mother Left Son in Room While She Went on an Errand.

Sycamore, Ill., Jan. 2-Edward Atkins, sycamore, III., Jail. 2—Edward Atkins, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George At-kins, was burned to death here this morn-ing. He was left alone a few moments while his mother went to the barn. She was delayed a few moments, and on her return she found her little one burned to death. He lived but a few minutes after she came in. Souggs Vanderroort's Barney

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WAIT TILL MONDAY. STRAUSS & STUMER.

SAYS BEEF PRICES **ARE EXORBITANT**

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Makes a Remarkable

Statement.

URGES PUBLIC TO ORGANIZE.

Believes Co-operative Scheme to Purchase and Supply Meat Would Result in Obtaining Food at Reasonable Prices.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Washington, Jan. 2-Colonel J. H. Brigham, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, made a remarkable statement to The Re public to-day about the price of beef, which he contends is kept at extortionate figures

by artificial means. "There is no reason why the consumer should be required to pay an exorbitant price for beef now," said Colonel J. H. Brigham, "in view of the fact that the price of cattle is reduced to its normal

"The people have but one redress, and that is to make a fuss about the price of beef and organize among themselves to procure it direct from the producers of cattle I am not prepared to say whether the wholesale dealer or the retail dealer is responsible for the high price of meat to the consumer. This I know, that the raisers of cattle are not getting more than the normal

price for their beef on the hoof. RESPONSIBILITY. "It, therefore, stands to reason that the rouble lies between the wholesale and the retail dealers. I am a raiser of cattle myself and the men who look after my stoo have written me that the market is so well stocked now that we are selling our beef at \$2.50 a hundred pounds on the foot and \$5 for the side meat. That is about the price we received for our cattle prior to the beef famine last June when prices jumped

nen and the wholesale men retort by claiming that many of the retail dealers lost money during the stringency in the beef market last summer and are now seeking t recoup at the expense of the consumers. "Some of the retail dealers in this city who were interviewed by agents which I sent to them say they are ready to make reasonable reduction in prices, but there are others who fancy that the people are in the habit of paying the advanced price and they are not making any fuss about it."

"The retail dealers blame the wholesale

"What remedy have the people to relieve themselves from the extortion which is be ing practiced on them by the dealers in meat?" was asked.

REMEDY.

"By organizing and supplying themselves on a co-operative plan with meat purchased direct from the producers of cattle. They could then obtain their supplies at what it could be bought for from the producer. No one blames the retail dealers from endeavoring to make a fair profit on his sales, but the consumer has some rights and must look out for himself. In my judgment, a concerted movement of the people may bring down the prices. The market price of cattle shows that the grower is selling his meat for one-third less to-day than he re-ceived for the same grade of meat last year. "Last summer the advance in the price of beef was, to a certain extent, due largely to

shortage in the corn crop. The scarcity of

corn led men to feed less cattle, and the price of meat was increased. Growers can get

but 5 cents a pound for side meat—joint and hind quarter, and the retail dealers get 14 cents for the same quality of meat. The re-tail dealers contend that the wholesale price

has not been reduced, which justifies them in maintaining the present prices.

"The producers are getting normally low prices, while the dealers continue to demand the advanced prices from the consumer. I have given some thought to this co-operative plan mentioned above, and I believe the consumer can save at least 25 per cent. According to the present price of cattle, meats ought to sell in Washington to-day at about these figures: Rib roast, 18 cents per

pound; porterhouse steak, 25 cents; sirloin, from 20 to 22 cents; round steak, 12% to 16 cents per pound. be a reduction in these prices of at least 30 per cent, owing to the reduced price of

cattle. I do not know who is responsible for this condition of affairs, but I do know that it is not justifiable." **NEW YORK DETECTIVES ARE** PLACED ON PATROL DUTY.

Commissioner's Order Intended Break Up Alleged System of Blackmailing.

New York, Jan. 2.—After a consultation with Deputy Commissioners Ebstern and Peter Piper and Chief Inspector Cart-wright, Commissioner Greene issued the foi-

wright, Commissioner Greene issued the following order to-day:

"All precinct detectives, patrolmen doing duty in plain clothes, whether in the precincts or districts and whether detailed to duty by the Police Commissioner or by inspectors of districts or captains of precincts, are hereby returned to duty as patrolmen, to take effect January 7, and they will not be eligible for detail of any kind during minety days from that date."

By this order 282 men are ordered to duty as patrolmen, and each one is transferred to a new precinct.

Commissioner Greene is taking this action. It is understood, with a view of breaking up the system of blackmail which, it is alleged, exists in the department.

FIRED AT DETECTIVE McGRATH.

Friend Attempted to Thwart Arrest of Two Men. While Detectives McCarthy and McGrath were arresting Michael McNamara and Patty McNig McNichols, two well-known police characters, at Broadway and Carr street last night, they were attacked by a man supposed to be Thomas Eagan, who fired at McGrath. The assalant then fied and was pursued by the detective, who fired several shots. He escaped, but it is believed that one of the detective's bullets struck him.

him.

McNamara, who is better known as "Mickey Mack." had just returned to 8t.

Louis from Jefferson City, where he served his second term in the Penitentiary for picking pockets on a street car. Thomas Eagan has just completed a Workhouse sentence. McNichols and McNamara were lodged in the holdover at the Four Courts and will be held for investigation.



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